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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 56,000.

(*b*) About 872 workers.

(*c*) The question was examined by the Government in consultation with the Commissioner of Labour. It was reported that the affected workers were those employed on casual basis or those who were recruited recently. It was further reported that no large scale retrenchment had resulted. It is also reported that a large number of those discharged workers has been taken back into service by certain mills which have resumed the third shift.

Publication of handouts

* 221 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the publication of handouts (regarding anti-Hindi agitation) without mentioning the name of the Press by certain presses at Madurai ; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken to prevent such recurrence in future?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence of such publications.

திரு. கே. ராமதாஸ் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, மாகாணத்தில் இருக்கிற பல அச்சகங்களில் இந்த மாதிரி அரசியல் பிரசாரம் செய்யக்கூடிய விளம்பர நோட்டீஸ்கள் அடிக்கப்படுவதைக் குறித்து அரசாங்கம் மேற்கொண்டு தீவிர நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க முயற்சிக்குமா ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : இதைப்பற்றி அரசாங்கம் தொடர்ந்து பரிசீலனை செய்து வருகிறது. போதிய சாட்சியம் ஏற்பட்டால் அதைவைத்து நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும்.

Fertilizer plants

* 222 Q.—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any fertilizer plants in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the names of places where they are located?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) There are eight fertilizer factories in this State. Six of them are under production and two under construction. They are located at Ennore, Avadi, Cuddalore, Ranipet, Neyveli and Coimbatore.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Out of these eight, how many belong to the public sector and how many to the private sector?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Neyveli Fertilizer Factory is the only one in the public sector.

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SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : What is the total output of these factories?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have not got the total, but I can give the figures for each one of them.

The capacity of the Ranipet factory is 50,000 tons of superphosphate. The capacity of Shaw Wallace and Company Limited is 75,000 tons of superphosphate and 24,750 tons of sulphuric acid. The capacity of Parry, Limited, Cuddalore, is 10,000 tons of mixed fertiliser. The capacity of Kothary's Ennore factory is 48,000 tons of superphosphate and 18,000 tons of sulphuric acid. The Premier factory at Cuddalore has a capacity of 40,000 tons of superphosphate and 16,500 tons of sulphuric acid. It has also a licence for 60,000 tons of granulated fertilisers. The Ennore Factory of the Parry's has a capacity of 56,160 tons of ammonium phosphate, 54,000 tons of sulphuric acid, 11,160 tons of ammonia and 38,610 tonnes of ammonium sulphate.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Is the sulphuric acid produced enough our State. We are getting it from other countries also.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is not enough for our State. We are getting it from other Countries also

Production of cement in the State

* 223 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the targets fixed for the production of cement in our State during the Third Five Year Plan have been achieved?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The target for production in respect of any industry is fixed by the Government of India on an All-India basis. No Statewise target is fixed for any industry. The target for production of cement in the country for the Third Plan period is 15 million tonnes. The capacity licensed in this State is 2.9 million tonnes; installed capacity is 1.9 million tonnes and capacity under implementation is 1.00 million tonnes.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Is it a fact that cement is going to be decontrolled? Has the centre consulted the State Government in this regard?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Centre has not consulted the State Government.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Is the cement quota sufficient or deficit for our State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There is nothing like the State quota or State self-sufficiency. The whole of the cement produced is distributed throughout the country and, therefore, it is not possible to say whether it is sufficient or not sufficient.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : How many new cement factories are going to be started under the Fourth Five-Year Plan and may I know the places where they are intended to be started?